



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Benjamin L. Ginsberg, Esq.
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2550 M Street NW
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RE: MUR 4357 (Bob Barr for Congress '94)
MUR 4802 (Bob Barr - Congress)

Dear Mr. Ginsberg:

On January 27, 1999, the Federal Election Commission (the "Commission") found that there is probable cause to believe that your client, Bob Barr for Congress '94 (the "1994 Committee") and Charles C. Black, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 441a(f), 2 U.S.C. § 434(b)(3)(A), 2 U.S.C. §§ 434(b)(2) and 434(b)(4), which are provisions of Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (the "Act") and 11 C.F.R. § 110.4(c)(2) in connection with accepting excessive contributions, failing to itemize contributions over \$200, failing to promptly return excessive cash contributions, misstating financial activity and failing to disclose contributors' occupations and names of employers.

The Commission has a duty to attempt to correct such violations for a period of at least 30 days and no more than 90 days by informal methods of conference, conciliation, and persuasion, and by entering into a conciliation agreement with a respondent. If we are unable to reach an agreement after 30 days, the Commission may institute a civil suit in United States District Court and seek payment of a civil penalty.

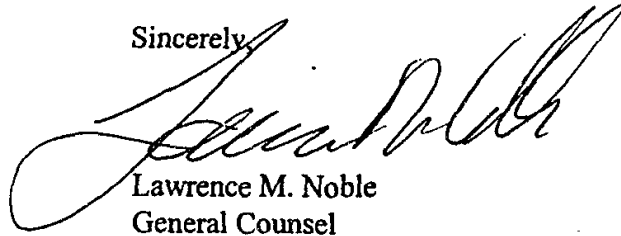
On August 27, 1998, the Commission found that there is reason to believe that your client, Bob Barr - Congress (the "1996 Committee") and Charles C. Black, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 441a(f), 2 U.S.C. § 434(b)(3)(A) and 2 U.S.C. § 434(a)(6) of the Act by accepting excessive contributions, failing to itemize contributions over \$200, and failing to file 48-hour notices on contributions for the primary election and the general election. The Commission also authorized the Office of General Counsel to enter into conciliation prior to a finding of probable cause to believe with the 1996 Committee.

Therefore, enclosed is a joint conciliation agreement that the Commission has approved in settlement of these matters involving the 1994 Committee and the 1996 Committee. If your clients agree with the provisions of the enclosed agreement, please have your clients sign and

return it, along with the civil penalties, to the Commission within ten days. I will then recommend that the Commission accept the agreement. Please make the checks for the civil penalties payable to the Federal Election Commission.

If you have any questions or suggestions for changes in the enclosed joint conciliation agreement, or if you wish to arrange a meeting in connection with a mutually satisfactory conciliation agreement, please contact Delbert K. Rigsby, the attorney assigned to these matters at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lawrence M. Noble".

Lawrence M. Noble
General Counsel

Enclosure
Joint Conciliation Agreement